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1. WEST GERMAN RESPONSE TO THE WEEKEND SPANISH EXECUTIONS HAS BEEN PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE BUT RESTRAINED, WITH SOME DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED (REFTEL B).
 2. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN BOELLING STATED SEPTEMBER 29 THAT THE RECALLED FRG AMBASSADOR WAS IN BONN TO REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN MADRID AND WILL RETURN TO POST AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE ONCE THE SITUATION HAS SETTLED DOWN. IT IS NOT FELT HERE THAT THE FRG GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDER-
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ING EITHER A BREAK IN RELATIONS OR SUPPORT FOR THE MEXI-

CAN INITIATIVE TO REMOVE SPAIN FROM THE U.N.

3. LABOR UNION LEADER AND ETUC CHAIRMAN VETTER HAS CALLED FOR A TWO MINUTE WORK STOPPAGE THROUGHOUT WEST EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES AT NOON ON OCTOBER 2, AS A "REMEMBRANCE AND PROTEST" AGAINST THE "POLITICAL MURDER" IN SPAIN. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REGRETTED "WITH INDIGNATION AND MOURNING" THE FIVE EXECUTIONS. IT CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH THE E.C. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN SPAIN OF THE RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY. FORMER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FOREIGN MINISTER SCHROEDER CAUTIONED ON THE OTHER HAND AGAINST OVERREACTION.

4. PRESS REACTION WAS PRONOUNCED BUT SIMILARLY VARIED IN VIEW. THE LEFT-CENTER "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" CRITICIZED EUROPEANS AND THE UNITED STATES FOR FAILING TO OPPOSE THE FRANCO REGIME. THE INDEPENDENT "SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" DECLARED SHARPLY THAT "...SPAIN HAS NOW DISTANCED ITSELF FURTHER FROM THE WESTERN WORLD, AND HAS EXTINGUISHED ALL HOPES OF AN APPROACH TO NATO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." OTHER INDEPENDENT AND RIGHT-CENTER PRESS REACTION REFLECTED HOWEVER THE CALL IN "DIE WELT" FOR AN "EVENHANDED JUDGMENT OF BOTH TERROR AND ITS CONSEQUENCE, THE ANTI-TERROR." IN LIKE VEIN BONN'S "GENERAL ANZEIGER" OBSERVED THAT "IN OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD THERE ARE COUNTRIES WHERE THE TERROR IS MUCH WORSE EVEN THAN IN SPAIN--AND DESPITE THAT WE SEEK THEIR POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP." HILLENBRAND

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